

**Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive Marquette, MI 49855**

Board Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Chairman James Nankervis.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Nankervis, Tony Tollefson, Karen Kasper, David Boyd, Bill DeGroot, Jason Wallner, Taylor Klipp, Pete LaRue, Scott Krah.

Others Present: Bill Geller- Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Mike Richer- Operations Manager, Kevin Hodges-Operations Manager, Paul Nardi of Makela, Toutant, Hill, Nardi & Katona PC, Joanna Mitchell from the League of Women's Voters.

Excused or Absent: Dawn Schuhknecht

Minutes:

Motion was made by Taylor Klipp to approve the minutes of the 03/17/22 meeting. Supported by Scott Krah. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made to accept Agenda items A-D by Jason Wallner. Supported by Angelo Bosio. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion was made by Angelo Bosio to approve agenda. Supported by Karen Kasper. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority: None.

Action Items:

- 1) A detailed audit report for FYE 9/30/21 was present by Paul Nardi. Motion made by Pete La Rue to accept the FYE 2021 audit. Supported by Jason Wallner. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Any Old or New Business:

- 1) Bill Geller presented the Executive Directors report. The new phone system has been installed. Working at correcting a few bugs. Marquette County Transit Authority is pursuant to Act 7 of 1967. The County nominates Board membership.
- 2) We are in year one of a 3-year advertising contract with mediaBrew. The trade with them amounts to about 2400.00 per month. Bill also took advantage of free advertising by being interviewed by TV6.

- 3) We are in a good position with employees right now. Bill attended a Rural Transit Managers Conference. A lot of transits are having trouble finding employees.
- 4) Presented a letter from the Alger County Commission on Aging. It contained feedback from seniors in Alger County that utilize Marq-Tran.

Upcoming meetings:

Board meeting April 21 at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Comments:

Jason Wallner discussed the plans for a fixed route in Negaunee. Great Lakes Recovery is planning to move to the Teal Lake Medical Facility. Since it would be difficult for a bus to pick up and drop off. Possibly the use of the North Iron Church parking lot can address this issue. There is an availability for Narcan training. Going back to fixed routes we may want to have first aid kits, and nasal Narcan available.

Karen Kasper likes the new phone system and the fact that the fixed routes are coming back. Also discussed the shopper's shuttle stops at Walmart.

Tony Tollefson will not be able to stop in and sign checks on the 27th. He would like Bill to let people know when he is out of town. He can do this by setting up a phone message on the new phone system. Discussed some comments his wife saw on Facebook. And some issues with dispatch.

Jim Nankervis received a letter from Chocolay Township about their Master Plan discussing Marq- Tran.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority: Joanna Mitchell from the League of Women's Voters stated she is glad fixed routes are coming back. She also plans on attending more Marq-Tran meetings as covid restrictions are lessened.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Bill DeGroot to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Angelo Bosio. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Jim Nankervis adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kristine McDonnell

Finance Officer